GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1942
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2004
DENYING RIGHT TO STRIKE TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
Das Gupta Shri Gurudas

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent judgement of Supreme Court denying the Government employees the right to strike;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government intends to make law to protect the right to strike by the workers and employees including the Government employees; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a): Yes Sir, the Government is aware of the judgment delivered on 6th August, 2003 in the case of T.K. Rangarajan Vs. Government of Tamil Nadu and others.

(b),(c) & (d): Although the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 under Section 22 and 23 has laid down certain restrictions on the right to strike both in public utility services and other establishments but the right to strike, as such, has not been denied to the industrial workmen. In the instant case the right of the workers as provided under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 has remained unaffected. As per the provisions of the Conduct Rules, no Government servant shall resort to or in any way abet any form of strike or coercion or physical duress in connection with any matter pertaining to his service or the service of any other Government servant.